

The result was announced—yeas 60, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

YEAS—60

Akaka	Dorgan	Merkley
Alexander	Durbin	Murray
Baucus	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bayh	Feinstein	Pryor
Begich	Franken	Reed
Bennet	Gillibrand	Reid
Bingaman	Hagan	Rockefeller
Bond	Harkin	Sanders
Boxer	Inouye	Schumer
Brown	Johnson	Shaheen
Brownback	Kaufman	Snowe
Burris	Kerry	Specter
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Kohl	Tester
Carpenter	Landrieu	Udall (CO)
Casey	Lautenberg	Udall (NM)
Collins	Levin	Voinovich
Conrad	Lieberman	Webb
Corker	Lincoln	Whitehouse
Dodd	Menendez	Wyden

NAYS—37

Barrasso	Grassley	McConnell
Bennett	Gregg	Murkowski
Bunning	Hatch	Nelson (NE)
Burr	Hutchison	Risch
Chambliss	Inhofe	Roberts
Coburn	Isakson	Sessions
Cochran	Johanns	Shelby
Cornyn	Kyl	Thune
Crapo	Leahy	Vitter
DeMint	Lugar	Warner
Ensign	Martinez	Wicker
Enzi	McCain	
Graham	McCaskill	

NOT VOTING—3

Byrd	Kennedy	Mikulski
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The bill (H.R. 3435) was passed.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Ms. STABENOW. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. What is the status, Mr. President?

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK NORTON

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise, along with my colleague from Georgia, to commemorate the life of a good man and a great American, Frank Norton.

Frank's years of service to this country ended recently with his untimely death. But it is fitting we remember Frank on the Senate floor, a place where he served this body, as well as service to our country in years prior to that.

Frank died a resident of St. Simons Island, GA, a place he called home, even though he was a native of nearby Waycross, GA.

Frank graduated from Emory University in 1966, and it was his intention to

go to law school. Unfortunately, the Army intervened. He was drafted, wound up going to Officer Candidate School, and not long after that became an Army Ranger instructor. He then headed to Vietnam. While he was in Vietnam, he served in one of the most dangerous jobs in the Army, which was a Ranger reconnaissance platoon leader. For his service and bravery, Frank earned some nine medals, including the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars for Valor in combat.

Frank went on to serve in assignments at Fort Benning and Fort Stewart, GA, as well as in Korea and Germany. But it is his congressional assignments that some of my colleagues will remember him for. He came to head the Army liaison office in both the House and the Senate.

At the time of his retirement in 1993 as a colonel, Frank was the principal Deputy to the Secretary of the Army for U.S. Senate Liaison. He was the only Army officer to serve in that position in both the House and the Senate.

But Frank's service to country did not end there. In 1993, my predecessor, Senator Sam Nunn, appointed Frank to serve as a staffer on the Senate Armed Services Committee. This was a point in time when this Nation had to go through its first major base closure and realignment process. Frank headed up that process from an Armed Services Committee standpoint and did an outstanding job.

After a later career in government relations, Frank devoted his time to his family farm, to charities, and to community service in Waycross, Brunswick, and St. Simons. Frank loved art, the symphony, and classical music, which is hard to believe for a guy who was as robust and personal and such a great retired Army colonel as Frank was.

His lovely wife Carol and his young son Lee are going to miss him. Certainly, I am going to miss him. We honor him tonight.

I yield for my colleague from Georgia, Senator ISAKSON.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I am honored to rise with Senator CHAMBLISS to pay tribute to a great Georgian and a great friend to the United States of America and a great veteran of the U.S. Army.

COL Frank Norton was quite an extraordinary man. As Senator CHAMBLISS mentioned, upon graduation he went to Vietnam, and in Vietnam he took one of the most dangerous missions of all and did it superbly. He was decorated nine times. He returned here and throughout his career served in the Congress, the Senate, and served the people of the United States in many ways.

Frank Norton is a very unique individual. When he left military service and left service to the House and Senate liaison committees, he formed a partnership with his old friend Bob Hurt from Georgia. They formed a firm called Hurt and Norton, and they were

quite a team; always jovial, always hard working, always on target, always delivering for their clients, and their clients were always the State of Georgia.

Our biggest economic asset in Georgia is our port of Savannah, and they represented the port. Our coastline is one of the most valuable areas of Georgia, and they represented our coastline. And most importantly of all, in the critical days of Fort Stewart, they represented Fort Stewart and the Hinesville community to see to it that the needs of our soldiers were met and the needs of the city of Hinesville, which hosted the soldiers, were met as well.

Frank died on the tennis court with his young son Lee. Tonight I send my regrets to his wife Carol, to Lee, and to all his family. But I also send my praise, my praise for a great Georgian, a great American, who sacrificed in so many ways for this country. May he now rest in peace looking down on all of us from heaven.

I yield back my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority leader be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Friday, August 7, 2009.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IN PRAISE OF PEARLIE S. REED

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I rise once again to speak about one of our great Federal employees. Whenever I enter this Chamber, I cannot help but admire the inspirational works of art that adorn it. Above the main entrances rest marble reliefs depicting the three virtues of Courage, Wisdom, and Patriotism.

Our Federal employees embody all three of these qualities, though my focus today will be on patriotism. The marble relief representing patriotism, which sits atop the lintel of the door to my right, shows a man setting aside his plow to take up the sword. This image recalls the parallel stories of Lucius Cincinnatus and George Washington, two farmer citizens who set aside their daily work in order to defend the people's liberty.

In the history of democracy, the sword and plow have come to symbolize this dichotomy. Traditionally, the sword features most prominently as the metaphor for patriotism. However, I would argue that the plow is just as much a symbol of patriotism as the sword. The plow represents a citizen's daily contribution to society over the course of many years. The highlight of the Cincinnatus story, from which our revolutionary forebears drew inspiration, is that he returned without fanfare to his plow when the war was finished.